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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH,SF

SUBJECT: TELEDYNE CAST PRODUCTS -- POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO
EXPORT SOURCE MATERIAL (NRC 77-19)

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) IS CONDUCTING AN
INVESTIGATION AS A RESULT OF A MARCH 2, 1977, FIRE AT
CUSTOM BROKERAGE FIRM IN CALIFORNIA IN WHICH APPROXIMATELY
49 LBS OF THORIUM WAS FOUND PACKAGED FOR SHIPMENT TO
SOUTH AFRICA.

2. CONSIGNOR WAS TELEDYNE CAST PRODUCTS, POMONA DIVISION,
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4200 W. VALLEY BLVD. P.O. BOX 2348, POMONA, CALIF., 91766.
CONSIGNEE UAS TELECAST ENGINEERING WORKS (PTY.) LTD.,
DORNIER RD., BOKSBURG, TRANSVAAL, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.
TELECAST POSSIBLY, REPEAT, POSSIBLY A TELEDYNE SUBSIDIARY.

3. CONSIGNOR DID NOT HAVE REQUIRED LICENSE FROM U.S.
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL

SHIPMENTS OF SOURCE MATERIAL (THORIUM). ONLY LICENSED BY STATE TO CONDUCT INTRASTATE BUSINESS. PACKAGE CONTENTS IDENTIFIED AS "MAGNESIUM GRAIN REFINER" RATHER THAN THORIUM, POSSIBLY TO FACILITATE EXPORT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT CONSIGNOR MADE PRIOR SHIPMENT/SHIPMENTS OF MAGNESIUM THAT HAD ALLOY OF 35 PERCENT THORIUM. TOTAL AMOUNT OF THORIUM CONTAINED IN THE ALLOY ALLEGEDLY AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY 360 LBS ALL BELIEVED SENT TO TELECAST. DATE OF SHIPMENT/SHIPMENTS NOT KNOWN.

4. IN CONJUNCTION WITH INVESTIGATION, DOJ/NRC HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM CONSIGNEE, WHICH MAY HAVE DOMESTIC EVIDENTIARY VALUE. UNLESS POST PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, POST IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH CONSIGNEE IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPONSE BY TELEGRAPH TO DEPARTMENT, PASS TO NRC (ATTENTION OIA):

A. ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING TELECAST ENGINEERING WORKS, I.E., EXACT RELATIONSHIP WITH TELEDYNE, HOW LONG IN BUSINESS, NATURE OF OPERATION, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, REPUTATION, ETC.

B. QUANTITY OF THORIUM OR ALLOY OF THORIUM OR OTHER SOURCE MATERIAL, ORIGINATING IN U.S., IN STOCK AT TELECAST, AND PROJECTED END-USE.

C. RECORDS OF ALL RECEIPTS OF THORIUM OR ALLOY OR
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THORIUM OR OTHER SOURCE MATERIAL, ORIGINATING FROM U.S.
FOR PAST 24 MONTHS.

D. PLANNED UTILIZATION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 49 LBS
THORIUM INTENDED FOR RECEIPT AT TELECAST IN EARLY MARCH.

E. RECORDS OF ALL RECEIPTS OF "MAGNESIUM GRAIN
REFINER," ORIGINATING FROM U.S., FOR PAST 12 MONTHS. CHRISTOPHER

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